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OFF THE RECORD entirely, I will tell you this: That so far as I am concerned and the State Department is concerned, but particularly so far as I am concerned, that in this highly emotional period of extreme bitterness and violent attacks, my intention is to see that nothing is done by the State Department in guidance for the action of its delegates to the United Nations, in response to either military threats or political threats, one or the other, nothing whatever. My intention is to see that the action of the United States Government is to be on a plane of integrity that will bear inspection and a common review and that there will be no bending to any military threat or to any political threat so long as I am Secretary of State. END OF OFF THE RECORD

I am on the record now.

Q. Why should that not be made public, Sir?

A. We have enough troubles already and I will just tell you as to what my position is in this matter, and I think it is better to have that OFF THE RECORD. If I were going to say that, I would have to clear that with the President but I tell you OFF THE RECORD

Q. Do you mean international political threats?

A. No. I mean exactly what I said. I don't modify or add to it.

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